

MINUTES TO MEETING**MEETING DATE: 11/05/20****ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Stephan Piersanti, Barbara Kalish,****DISTRIBUTION: To File and Attendees****LOCATION: Zoom Video Meeting**

#	Discussion	Action By/Date
1.	General	
a.	10/08/20 minutes - accepted	
b.	9/23/20 minutes –accepted	
2.	New Business	
a.	Zoom Account: BK to coordinate with Mary Brazie to obtain a zoom account for EHC	BK 12/3
b.	EHC received a notice that there will be a repaving project at the NYS border. No issues with this project.	
c.	EHC received archival letters written in the 1850's by John Paul the minister of the Congregational Church. RT to scan letters and archive	RT
d.	Christmas gift for children: RT will mail out 4 Amazon gift cards to Sarah Johnston at Southern Berkshire. ALL - RT will be in the EHC office on Saturday 11/14. Leave cash or check (\$20) with Lesliann or slip under EHC office door before Saturday 11/14. (MANY THANKS)	RT/ALL
e.	Accessory Dwelling Units by law: Not in the scope of the Egremont Historical Commission	
3.	Rte 23 75% Design Documents	
a.	Mary Brazie passed on a letter acknowledging receipt of comments from James Barnak at Jacob's Engineering. BK to request date for response.	BK 12/3
b.	BK to forward final letter to RT/RT to forward to Town	BK/RT
c.	History of Pinecrest Hill by Russell Longyear presented by SB. RT to send thank you note	RT
4.	MACRIS	
a.	Approx. 50% complete	
b.	\$1,000 retainer paid, \$2,500 paid upon completion of the draft, \$500 to paid upon completion	
c.	Neil's company has been restructured and has moved out of state to Minnesota. Due to this move, he is not actively working on our MACRIS project updates at this time.	
d.	EHC to retain a new consultant to complete the MACRIS	RT 1/21
e.	EHC to request status and return of documents to date	RT 12/3
5.	Town hall Sign	
a.	Lucinda Vermeulen organized a committee. SP will represent the EHC	
b.	Committee members include: ? (Stephen?)	
c.	LV requested that the committee members suggest alternatives. EHC will develop options to present to the committee	SP
6.	Membership	
a.	EHC to reach out for new members	
b.	Elliot Snyder and Ellen Maggio have resigned from the EHC	
c.	ARM has spoken with a potential new member, Douglas Cooper, who might be interested in participating with historical narratives and archives. ARM will discuss this option with ? Cooper and report back at next meeting.	ARM
7.	Historical Commission mission statement/collection policy/training	Ongoing
8.	Archive collection/organization/layout – not discussed	
a.	EHC will recommend that an alternate group maintain archives. Either a new Society or the Library. Option to discuss with Friends of Egremont History currently Lynn Wood and Marge Wexler. Town Historian, Bill Wood, could also be part of this. This will be included in the SB presentation	
b.	EHC is considering an archive committee within the commission. Possibly Douglas Cooper to lead this effort.	ARM
c.	Law Books 1. RT will separate those legal volumes that appear to have significance to Egremont history and obtain a quote for removal of books. 2. RT will contact James Parrish to confirm book value and a clear understanding of what constitutes the Karner Collection.	RT - ongoing

	3. EHC has asked Town if any other group wants the books. The answer was NO.	
9.	Demolition delay by-law	
a.	EHC supports a demolition delay by law BW to finalize proposed by law RT to confirm with BW that he will continue to be involved and bring it to closure.	RT 8/4
b.	BK to email Jared Kelly to schedule a joint meeting with the PB to discuss this issue	BK 12/3
c.	EHC to coordinate with the Planning Board as part of Outreach. This will be a 2021 initiative	2021
10.	Outreach	
a.	Next steps: 1. Prepare a presentation for 10/13/20 SB meeting 2. Schedule meetings with the PB and other related commissions – possibly quarterly 3. Goal: engage with other town boards/commissions etc. collaboratively in lieu of silos	RT 12/3
b.	10/13/20 Meeting with Select Board: RT spoke with the BOS about the commission's intent to become more involved with the town board in a formal advisory role and to open communications between the boards. The possible separation or re-structuring of the management of the archive was also discussed. This was an outreach to let the board know of our discussions about the direction of the commission over the summer and start the conversation about where to go from here.	
c.	Egremont Newsletter: EHC to contribute article. RT obtain deadlines from Mary Brazie	12/3
d.	Schedule meetings for the fall with the Select Board and other Town Commissions to coordinate mission.	ARM/SP 12/3
e.	Develop a local out reach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc.	Ongoing
f.	Invite Library Committee and look for ways to collaborate. RT to contact LC chair	Ongoing
11.	Publicize our role in town government and ongoing MACRIS effort	RT
12.	COVID-19 historical record for archives – not discussed	
a.	Attendees agreed that the EH should reach out to residents to collect stories and personal accounts of the COVID-19 epidemic and how it effected Egremont. RT will circulate a draft post for outreach to the community via social media. Out-reach should include Egremont residents, teachers and others involved with the town.	Ongoing
13.	Previous agenda items to be revisited 1. Rte 23 DOT Project : BK/RT 2. Complete Streets – Stephen Piersanti 3. Oral History – Barbara Kalish: Ongoing after COVID a. EM will reach out to Will Conklin re. History of April Hill b. EM to forward research about planning and ConCom restrictions by her daughter on AH c. BK/EM to develop list of interviewees 4. April Hill – furnishing of front room/Elliot Snyder 5.	Ongoing EHC BK SP
14.	Next Meeting	
a.	To be scheduled for the 1 st Thursday of each month: BK to arrange with Mary Brazie for Zoom availability	
b.	12/3/20 @ 4pm	
15.	End of minutes	
a.	Submitted: 11/7/2020 by Barbara Kalish	